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SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCES

REF: A. STATE 57838; B. BEIRUT 1699 (NOTALS)

1. UNRWA COMGEN RENNIE MOST GRATEFUL FOR RAPID USG ACTION RE PAYMENT OF SPECIAL DOLS 2 MILLION CONTRIBUTION FOR UNRWA VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND IS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY POSITIVE TONE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAR 16 LETTER TO UNSYG RE AGENCY'S ACUTE FINANCIAL CRISIS. RENNIE'S EFFORTS TO ELICIT BROAD INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO ALLEVIATE AGENCY'S BUDGET DEFICIT ARE CONTINUING, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO PURSUIT OF DOLS 5 MILLION SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM EEC (PARA 4 REFTEL A AND PARA 2 REFTEL B).

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, RENNIE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT FAVORABLE ACTION RE EEC CONTRIBUTION MAY GET SIDE-TRACKED IN EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND HE WONDERS IF SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD PUT FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT ON THIS POINT TO BRITISH
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OFFICIALS DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON IN ORDER STIMULATE

NEW BRITISH GOVT WHICH UNFAMILIAR WITH UNRWA PROBLEM.

3. EMBOFF TOLD COMGEN THAT SECRETARY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE
TIGHT AGENDA AND VERY BUSY SCHEDULE IN LONDON, BUT PROMISED
DRAW RENNIE'S REQUEST TO DEPT'S ATTENTION. HE ALSO ADVISED
COMGEN TO TALK WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT IN ORDER ALERT
NEW GOVT TO PROBLEM. RENNIE SAID HE WOULD DO SO.
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